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Dr. Bruno Rossi
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Dear Dr. Rossi:

Our first meeting has just concluded. In view of ~~ask~~ the urgency of the CETEX meeting and impending moon- and Venus-shots we stressed the question of contamination policy, and have deferred for a next meeting discussion of tangible constructive proposals. In any case, we should have needed the time to become better acquainted with one another and with the general scope of the problem. Some specific recommendations of the group are appended: I should stress that these were reached unanimously. The strong position that this now represents on the question of contamination is making me reconsider the possibility of attending CETEX-- I will think about this some more and call Odishaw if this is called for.

We are planning our next meeting for March 21, at the JPL in Pasadena. May I enquire if we can have assurance of travel funds (for coastside airfares) for this and perhaps subsequent meetings?

You will shortly receive a more detailed resumé. I am sure we have aroused a great deal of practical interest which, in itself, would more than repay this trouble and cost of this meeting. In addition we offered some practical advice on the technique of sterilization of the forthcoming moonshot, and means to have it properly executed and supervised; that may be put to practical effect even during the next few days. Meanwhile, I was sure you would welcome this interim report.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

* i.e. by ethylene oxide fumigation: the group at Fort Detrick should have all necessary equipment and relevant experience!

cc: Rossi with
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